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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

Banks.

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CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 5 per cent.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £93,000.
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DRAFFTS, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 14, 1880.

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(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

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PARIS.

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LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,
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FOOTANG.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1870.

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(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED on DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " 4 1/2 "
" 12 " 5 % "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager,
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1870.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 3 " 2 per cent.

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 21, 1870.

THE FOLK-LORE OF CHINA;
and its Affinity with
THAT OF THE ASIAN AND SEMITIC RACES.
By N. B. DENNIS, P.D., F.R.G.S.

PRICE, HALF BOUND, \$2.00.
BELLY & WALSH, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 18, 1880.

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.50.

COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW,
By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from BELLY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong, at Lays, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

BEG to announce that they have added to their Business A PIANO TUNING and REPAIRING DEPARTMENT, under the Superintendence of Mr. DOUGLAS DANE, who has been sent to them by Messrs JOHN BROADWOOD & SONS of London; they are now prepared to receive Orders which shall be carefully and efficiently attended to.

THE FOLLOWING ARE FOR SALE, EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

DEAR SHELL HATS for the RACES.
New Shapes in COUNTRY'S HATS.
Latest NOVELTIES in SCARFS.
SHIRTS with COLLARS attached.
Cardigan JACKETS.

French KID GLOVES, 2 Buttons.
Single and Double SOLE BOOTS.
GAN'S French SHOES.

Waterproof SHEETING for Racing Ponies.

Playing CARDS: Whist MARKERS.
Electro-plated TELESCOPES.
Carriage LAMPS, Billiard BALLS.

QUITS, VALISES, Iron and Brass BEDSTEADS.
The New Wire Spring MATTRESSES, COIR DOOR MATS.

Spirit FLASKS, Household SCALES.

Merino and Cashmere SOCKS, and UNDERSHIRTS.
Royal Irish Constabulary REVOLVERS.

Foster's Celebrated Bottled ALE and STOUT.

SACCOON'S SHERRIES.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

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For Sale.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.
Quarts, £6 per 1 doz. Case.
Pints, £7 per 2 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

For Sale.

THE FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES, STOCK-IN-TRADE and GOOD WILL of the well-known and prosperous Business at present carried on by Mr. ANDREW WOLTERS at

THE BRITISH HOTEL.

Full Particulars will be given on Application.

Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

NOTICE.

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, £1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

NOTICE.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO BE SOLD as a going Concern, by PUBLIC AUCTION, on a DAY to be hereafter fixed in the Month of APRIL next, (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract, and subject to withdrawal by the Vendors for any other reason of which due Notice will be given), THE BUSINESS OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPWRIGHTS, lately Carried on by Messrs J. INGLES & CO., known as the VICTORIA FOUNDRY, and situate at SPRING GARDENS, Victoria. Together with all the PLANT, MACHINERY, TRADE FIXTURES and FITTINGS, STEAM LAUNCHES, and STOCK-IN-TRADE, and including the GOOD-WILL, and all Existing Contracts and Engagements.

For further Particulars, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagors.

Supreme Court House,

17th February, 1880.

NOTICE.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS

are requested to send in an Account of business contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1879, on or before MARCH 31st, on which Date the accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 21, 1880.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

Solicitors.

Messrs BRERETON and WOTTON.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. LEONARD STAEL in our Firm CHANGED on the 31st December last.

Mr. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to sign our Firm per Procurator.

H. H. NELSON,
Chairman.

Hongkong, February 21, 1880.

NOTICE.

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PRICE, HALF BOUND, \$2.00.

BELLY & WALSH, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 18, 1880.

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MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
HAVE JUST LANDED
AN INVOICE OF JOSEPH RODGERS &
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Comprising:—
Table Knives.
Meat Knives.
Pork Knives.
Office and Ladies' Scissors.
Pewter Knives.
Fowl Knives.
Rezors.
&c., &c.

LATEST NOVELTIES AND OFFICE
REQUISITES.

Gillot's Sigl Pens, Mitchell's Steel
Pens, Ink Bottles in goat variety,
Stationery Cases, Date Racks, Por-
celain Slates, Clips, Copying Presses,
Copying Brushes and Water Wells,
Pen Racks, Glass Pen Trays, Paper
Weights, Perry's Allumium Gold
Pencil Cases in variety, Memo Tablets,
Blotting Pads, Butterfly Paper Weights,
Morley's Law Pore, Indian Rubber
Hands, Telegraph Blotting Pads,
Lead Pencils, Leads, Ink Erasers,
Cloud Rubber, Blue and Red Pencils,
Penholders, Underwoods Copying and
Writing Ink, Animal Paper Weights
and Pewipers, Combined Memo
Tablet and Paper Weight, Stockwell's
Patent Cigar Lighters, Paper Binders,
Metallic Tapes.

An Invoice of BUILDERS' HARDWARE
includes:—Cork Locks, PADLOCKS,
BRAZED and IRON BOLTS,
MINIATURE PLATED PADLOCKS,
CHUBB'S BOX LOCKS,
CUEBOARD LOCKS,
TILLOCKS, and PADLOCKS.

NEW BOOKS,
INSTRUCTIVE AND AMUSING.
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"Advice to a Wife,"
"Phelp's "Botany,"
Macaulay's "History of England,"
Do. "Critical and Historical
Essays,"

Do. "Writings and Speeches,"
"Our Inheritance in the Great
Pyramids,"

"Voyage of the Challenger,"
Beeton's "All about Gardening,"

Haydn's "Dictionary of Science,"

"Cabinet Lawyer,"

Maunders' "Treasury of Knowledge,"
Do. "Treasury of Geography,"
Cassell's "Popular Education,"

"Weekly Welcome,"

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a Language in Six MONTHS, adopted
to the

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SPANISH,
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Log Books, School Books,
Folding Maps on Linen,
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CHEAP EDITIONS
OF POPULAR WORKS FROM 25 CENTS.

"An Eye for an Eye,"
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"Impressions of Theophorus Such,"

"Light and Shade,"

"The Zulus and the British Frontiers,"

"Basileus,"

"For a Dream's Sake,"

"John Halifax, Gentleman,"

"The Afghan's Knife,"

"Paul Kox Pitman,"

"John Cadogan,"

"Christians and Moors of Spain,"

"The Life of the Right Honorable Ben-

jamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield,"

"My Heart in the Highlands,"

"Auld Lang Syne,"

"The Life of Charles Lever,"

"Jane Eyre,"

"The Last Days of Pompeii,"

"Time shall Try,"

"Honour Worth,"

"Christine Browne's Oracle,"

"Belvedere,"

"Masted of Dare,"

"Havemore,"

"The History of a Crime,"

"A Beautiful Woman,"

"G. Lovell,"

"The Bubble Reputation,"

"Bonnie Lass,"

"The Life of Her Time,"

"The House of Turkey,"

"All or Nothing,"

"Within the Precincts,"

"The Grahams of Inverness,"

"The Bachelor of the Albany,"

"Love's Crosses,"

"The House of Troy,"

"The Green Hand,"

"Quaint Cousins,"

"Journal of the Plague in London,"

&c., &c., &c.

FROM THE AMERICAN MAIL

The following STORES, in Excel-
lent Condition:—

Fresh Roll BUTTER.

Fine Comb HONEY, in Frame.

Do. Do. in Bottles.

Dried Sliced APPLES.

Boneless CODFISH.

Georges Bank Do.

Fineest Sanitary Factory CREAM CHEESE.

Milk California Do.

Smoked SALMON.

Fine Mess BEERS, in 25 lbs. kegs.

Oregon Pickled LIVER, TONQUES, very fine.

FAMILY PORK, in 25 lbs. kegs.

American HAMS.

Do. BACON.

CORNMEAL, HOMINY, CRACKED
WHEAT.

OATMEAL, RYE FLOUR, BUCK-
WHEAT FLOUR.

CORN BROOMS, CORN WISPS.

Table FRUITS, BARTLET PEARLS, APRIC-
OTS, PEACHES.

Stuffed PEPPERS, ASPARAGUE.

APPLE SAUCE, CRANBERRY SAUCE.

OYSTERS, LOBSTER, SALMON,

CLAMS.

PEA NUTS, PECAN NUTS, BRAZIL
NUTS.

CREAM OF TARTAR, SALTERATUS.

Morristown CIDER.

Winston's Celebrated GREEN CORN.

LIMA BEANS, SUCCOTASH, SUGAR
PEAS.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER O's GINGER
OAKS.

MILK BISCUITS.

ALPHABET BISCUITS.

OSTER BISCUITS.

WAFFER BISCUITS.

SODA BISCUITS.

AMERICAN SOFT FEET HATS.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship
"Albany,"

Capt. F. Ashton, will be
despatched for the above

Ports on THURSDAY, the 4th Instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1880. mab

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship
"Douglas,"

Captain Young, will be
despatched for the above

Ports on FRIDAY, the 5th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1880. mab

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship
"Esmeralda,"

Captain Talbot, will be
despatched for the above

Port on FRIDAY, the 5th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1880. mab

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Tropic,"

Commandant Reynier, will be despatched for
YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the
next French Mail from Europe.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Lorraine,"

Commandant Hernandez, will be despatched for
SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 1, 1880.

FURNITURE AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have

received instructions to sell by

Public Auction, at No. 2, Morrison
Hill, the residence of Captain St. Clair,
Brigade Major, on

SATURDAY,

the 6th March, at 2 o'clock p.m.—

The whole of the ENGLISH and CANTON-
MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

Cretonne-covered Drawing-
room Suite, Carved Whatnots, Mirrors,
Fender and Fire Irons, Card and Side
Tables, Solid Mahogany Dining Table,
Sideboard, Whatnots, Chairs, Electro-
Plated Ware, Glassware, Crockery, Car-
pets, Lamps, Brass and Iron Bedsteads,
Mahogany Bureau with Mirror, Maho-
ganay Marble-top Washstand, Wardrobes,
Couches, Flower Pots, Sedan Chairs, a
Park Phaeton, by Lenny of Croydon,
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As usual.

Catalogues will be issued.

Hongkong, March 1, 1880. mab

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "NIIGATA MARU," FROM
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading for countersignature,
and take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re-
mainding on board after TUESDAY, the
2nd instant, will be landed and stored at
Consignees' expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S., Co.

50a, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, March 1, 1880. mab

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

PRINCE FREDERICK, British ship, Capt.
John Clague.—Vogel & Co.

MADE, American barque, Capt. Francis
Hallett.—Ostapai.

ALICE REED, American barque, Captain
Kilchen.—Vogel & Co.

MINIE CARVILL, British barque, Capt.
P. T. Clark.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

THE CHINA MAIL.

CHINA SUGAR REFINERY Co. The following is the Report to be presented to the Shareholders at the Second Ordinary Annual Meeting, to be held at the Office of the General Agents, at 3 p.m. on Friday next:—

The General Agents have the pleasure to submit to the Shareholders their Report, together with a Statement of Account connected with the working of the Refinery, for the year 1879.

The Net Profit, including \$3,248.47 brought forward from last account, after writing off the entire Preliminary Expenses, Crown Rent on vacant Reserve Property, reducing the cost of Patents, and providing for remuneration to the Consulting Committee and Auditors, amounts to \$136,163.50, which they trust will be considered satisfactory. Of this sum it is proposed to pay a dividend of:—

\$10 per Share payable on 8th March, 1880, which will absorb \$6,000.00

To appropriate towards cost of Extension of the Refinery (thus reducing Property Account to \$62,636.77),..... 75,000.00

And to carry forward the balance to new account,..... 1,163.50

\$136,163.50

Extension.—The additions to the Refinery included in last Report are now nearly completed. The time occupied has been greater than anticipated, but it was deemed prudent, with a view to strength and durability, not to unduly hurry the construction. The connections will be completed and work resumed on 1st March. The cost of these important extensions, including the additional quantity of Charcoal thereby rendered necessary, will be slightly above the estimated amount, but it is not anticipated that the total will exceed \$150,000. The appropriation recommended will defray half of this outlay, and the working power of the Refinery, by the moderate expenditure incurred, will be more than doubled, and the capacity of the Works made equal to the probable requirements of trade for many years.

Consulting Committee.—Mr W. H. Forbes tendered his resignation on leaving the Colony, Messrs F. D. Sisson, E. R. Bell and W. Reiners offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs Thomas Arnold and H. M. Davis are recommended for re-election.

JARDINS MATHERSON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong Races, 1880.

FOURTH DAY.

Monday, March 1.

Stewards.—His Excellency John Pope Hennessy, C. M. G.; His Excellency Major-General Donovan; Commodore Smith, R.N.; Lieutenant-Colonel Geddes, 27th Inniskillings; The Hon. W. Kawick; The Hon. P. Ryrie; and Messrs H. Lowcock, A. Coxon, H. Hoppins, W. H. Forbes, J. H. Scott, and T. Jackson; Mr R. H. Sandeman, (Hon. Treasurer); Mr L. B. Friend, (Clerk of the Course).

Mr H. Hoppins, Clerk of the Scales; Hon. P. Ryrie and Mr A. Joxon, Starters; Mr E. Shepard, Judge.

Three events were placed on the card to-day, the Cunashaw Cup, valued at \$250, the Visitation Cup valued at \$120, and the Native Scramble, postponed from Saturday. Business did not commence till after 4 o'clock, but no time was lost when work was once begun and the three races followed each other in rapid succession. The weather was a decided improvement on that of the previous days of the meeting and brought out a greater number of spectators than usually attend the off day. Mrs Hennessy graced the Grand Stand with her presence for the first time this season, and there were also present H.E. Major-General and Mrs Donovan, with a good sprinkling of the European community. The ground was in much better condition than last week, but still several of the riders complained that along side the rail the rut was heavy and the ponies' feet sunk in considerably at every stride. The races were well contested and evoked rather more interest than usually surrounds the last day's contests. Fluke seemed to be rather disatisfied with his running, and took a siphon on his own account amongst the people as they were thronging along the road past the Cemetery. He had not got the advantage of Mr Brandt's guidance and took rather an erratic course, winding up to, setting a chair coolie opposite the Mahomedan Cemetery, fortunately without doing him much injury. The following are the races of the closing day.

1.—Turf "CUNASHAW" Cup.—Value \$20. For all beaten Ponies at this Meeting. Weight for inches. Entrance \$5 to go to the second Pony. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

A good start was effected at the first call, *Braw Chief* slightly leading, with *Scamp* and *Reincke* close by his girths. After passing the village they gradually sailed off and passed the Stand the first time in the following order, *Braw Chief*, *Scamp*, *Wild Fox* and *Reincke*. At the corner Lewis pushed rapidly forward to second place and as far as the Rock seemed inclined to challenge the leader, but was never able to overhaul him although he made a vigorous start up the straight. *Braw Chief* having retained the lead cantered in a winner by several lengths. Time 2 min. 50 sec.

2.—Turf "VISITATION" Cup.—Value \$120. To First Pony. For all beaten Ponies at the Meeting. Weight for inches. Three-quarter-mile-and-a-quarter.

For this short spin the ponies got well away together, and about after fall into pairs, with *Scamp* and *Wirewanda* in front. Passing the Rock *Wild Glen* left his companion and joined the front rank. At the village, *Wild Glen* forged ahead, and retained his position till the finish,

winning in a canter by a length and a half. *Wirewanda* being second, *Scamp* third, Time, 1 min. 40 sec.

3.—THE NATIVE SCRAMBLE.—For China Ponies only: First Pony, \$25; Second, \$10; Third, \$5; to be ridden by Chinese. Catch Weights. Once round.

Fokken's Wild Boar, 1. *McNeil's Redstart*, 2. *Henry's Cunashaw*, 3. *Octavia's Bonyline*, 0. *Eliza's Stathulio*, 0. *Paul's Teimahal*, 0. *Dawson's Dauntless*, 0. *Pokken's Scapera*, 0. *Risk's Stathulio*, 0. *Bill's Fantail*, 0.

Ten ponies came to the scratch for the Native Scramble. Some amusement was created at the start, as several ponies had not quite made up their minds as to which direction they would take, some of them even evincing a desire to do the seven for-long broadside on. With a little coaxing, however, all were induced to turn their heads in the right direction, when a tolerably fair start was made. The race was well run, and although some of the jockeys did not guide the animals in a straight line, an interesting contest was the result, the three leading ponies being: *Wild Boar*, *Redstart*, and *Cunashaw*. Time, 1 min. 40 seconds.

This concluded the programme for the present year.

Police Intelligence.
(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket.)

Monday, March 1.

DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.—Edward Murrell, second officer of the American ship *Mabel*, was found drunk and incapable in the public streets on the night of the 28th ult.

P. C. 58, Hugh Osborne, arrested the defendant about midnight on Saturday last as he was drunk and quite helpless. In consideration of his long incarceration His Worship dismissed the defendant with a caution.

STEALING PROVISIONS.—Fong Apun, a ship coolie, was charged with stealing on the 29th ult. a ham and a quantity of sugar valued at \$2.60.

Kwan Oi Fung, the master of an eating-house in Wellington Street, said defendant had been in his employ for the last three months. Yesterday he missed a ham from where it had previously been hanging from the ceiling. He made inquiries amongst the employees and defendant admitted having taken the ham away to a house two doors off, where it was afterwards found. When searching for the ham, he also discovered a quantity of sugar stowed away in a hat, and witness accused the defendant of having stolen that also.

Defendant admitted having taken the ham. The shop was going to be closed and he wanted to raise money to take him to his native place.

His Worship sentenced him to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

LAWGENT OF CLOTHING.—Cheung Ahpong, a coolie, was charged with stealing a quantity of clothing of the value of \$3.70 from one Yip Sow, a chair coolie.

It appears that the defendant had been employed for a few days as a substitute for the cow-boy in the service of Mr Hughes; yesterday morning he left the house for an hour and half shortly afterwards. Mr Hughes' chair coolie mislaid several articles of clothing. On search being made the defendant was found with the things in his possession.

Defendant said he had received a letter from his mother saying she was sick, and he took the things to raise money to go home. Sentence two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

COMMITTEE FOR TRIAL.—The case in which Ng Anam and Tam Apan, two shopmen, were charged with taking a girl 12 years of age away from the Colony against her will, has been thoroughly investigated and both defendants have been committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

BRANCH OF THE CHINESE ORDINANCES.—Tam Apan, a coolie, was charged with being in possession of one teal and six mace, of prepared opium, on the 30th ult. without a permit from the Opium Farmer.

P. C. 50, George Hennessy, said that about 9.30 a.m. yesterday he saw defendant walking in the Queen's Road. He appeared to have something concealed in the sleeve of his jacket, which, on examination, was found to be opium produced.

Defendant said he only arrived in the Colony on the 27th ult. and did not know the law. He came here to seek employment.

ROGUE AND VAGABOND.—Ho Atak, a carpenter, was charged with being a rogue and vagabond, and with gambling on the Race Course on Saturday last.

Wong Kam Yan, a milkman, tried his luck with defendant and won 20 cents, but he refused to pay and ran off.

Defendant admitted having lost 20 cents to complainant, but asserted that he paid the money. As he had no more spare coins he walked off, when last witness and other men ran after him and called "thief".

Defendant was ordered to find security in \$10 for his good behaviour for twelve months.

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to pay the cost of the religious ceremony. Next day witness was sent for and told to return the money he had received from the first defendant, and also to make a report of the matter to No. 2 Station.

The first defendant was tried in the sum of \$10, in default seven days' imprisonment as a police constable for half the fine, if paid, to go to the complainant. Second defendant was discharged.

SUPREME COURT.
IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice, and a Special Jury.)

WEBSTER v. BASSOON AND CHATER.

This case has been brought to a satisfactory conclusion to-day. It has occupied the Court now for several days, and we have given a brief report of it, showing how the action had arisen out of a dispute regarding the proprietorship of a piece of ground running from the Queen's Road to the Praya, and forming part of Martine Lot, No. 14, or Martine Lot, No. 15, respectively the property of the complainant and the defendant. Mr Hayllar, Q. C., instructed the Board of Punishments, or the *Hsing Pu*, in Chinese, the *Hsing Pu* is the same body in whose custody Sir Harry Parkes and his fellow-prisoners passed so many days of agony and anxiety. Its very name is sufficient to make a Chinaman shiver with horror. Chung How will not, however, have any personal hardship to undergo there, for prisoners of his rank are not put into the general dungeon to wallow with the common prisoners, but are given rooms in one of the many buildings within the precincts of the Board premises. For this privilege the distinguished inmates have to pay, as well as for food, but it is quite possible that wealthy prisoners may make themselves fairly comfortable there—for a consideration. As a matter of course, they cannot leave the place. The extraordinary harshness with which the ex-Plenipotentiary to Russia has been treated elicits much comment, and the whole affair is the all-absorbing subject of interest in the city. No one, however, who cannot look behind the scenes (and there is not a foreigner here who can) has the faintest idea what is really going on, or what will be the upshot of it all. It will probably be some time now before we hear anything further about this strangely Chinese development; and I believe that the final decision is still far off.

1. That the lane hereinafter described in paragraph 3 form part of a mutual private street from the Praya to the Queen's Road.

2. That the western boundary be a line from the north-east corner of Arnhold, Karberg & Co's hong to the present south-east corner of the old Chartered Bank premises, but leaving Arnhold, Karberg & Co's hong untouched, the line to be made absolutely straight when that building is removed.

3. That the eastern boundary be from a point 3 feet 2 inches east of the old O. B. C. Junior Mess to a point 8 feet east of the south-west corner of the old O. B. C.

4. That the new mutual private street will thus be 15 feet wide at Praya and 12 feet 6 inches at the Queen's Road end.

5. That the portion of land lying to the west of the new mutual private street be given to the Board of Punishments, or the *Hsing Pu*, in whose custody Sir Harry Parkes and his fellow-prisoners passed so many days of agony and anxiety. Its very name is sufficient to make a Chinaman shiver with horror. Chung How will not, however, have any personal hardship to undergo there, for prisoners of his rank are not put into the general dungeon to wallow with the common prisoners, but are given rooms in one of the many buildings within the precincts of the Board premises. For this privilege the distinguished inmates have to pay, as well as for food, but it is quite possible that wealthy prisoners may make themselves fairly comfortable there—for a consideration. As a matter of course, they cannot leave the place. The extraordinary harshness with which the ex-Plenipotentiary to Russia has been treated elicits much comment, and the whole affair is the all-absorbing subject of interest in the city. No one, however, who cannot look behind the scenes (and there is not a foreigner here who can) has the faintest idea what is really going on, or what will be the upshot of it all. It will probably be some time now before we hear anything further about this strangely Chinese development; and I believe that the final decision is still far off.

6. That the above measurements and calculations be settled by R. G. Alford and W. Danby, whose joint award both add to measurements and prices and otherwise, shall be binding on both parties, but in case of difference the Chief Justice to nominate an umpire whose decision shall be final.

7. That the lane be made, paved and enclosed at the joint expense of both parties to this suit and to remain their mutual property, and only to be altered by mutual consent.

8. That the expenses of carrying out this agreement be borne in equal shares.

9. That both parties join in application to the Government for new leases for Nos. 14 and 15 on the basis of the above agreement, the boundaries of each lot to be the centre of the new street to be so formed.

10. That this settlement be made on the basis of the suggestions made by the Chief Justice and in consequence of his strong recommendation to the parties to settle accordingly.

11. That each party bear their own costs, Special costs to be divided.

12. That the mutual street be formed on the above basis within twelve months.

13. That Jardine, Matheson & Co., agents for the plaintiff, telegraph at once to the defendant, to ascertain as to when he should authorise them to telegraph to the terms of this agreement. In the meantime proceedings to be stayed without prejudice.

Peking.

(From a Correspondent.)

31st January.

Since I last wrote you about the affair of Chung How and his Treaty, the question has assumed larger dimensions. In my last I omitted to inform you that his wife had died a few days previous to his return; her funeral, which took place about twelve days ago, showed how the wind was blowing and foretold the great disgrace in which Chung How had fallen, as none of the officials attended.

To show you the importance which is given to this subject I may tell you that quite a number of officials in the capital have now availed themselves of the compensation given in the Edict of January 10th, to speak out freely their opinions about the matter, amongst whom the name of the Prince of Siu is conspicuous.

It appears that the defendant had been employed for a few days as a substitute for the cow-boy in the service of Mr Hughes; yesterday morning he left the house for an hour and half shortly afterwards. Mr Hughes' chair coolie mislaid several articles of clothing. On search being made the defendant was found with the things in his possession.

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